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side surfaces. The basic body is manufactured, in particular cut, from a foam block. The rocking surface has a non-slip backing made of leather or imitation leather. The basic body is covered with a material covering. The seat region has a leather layer as the saddle. The backing is connected to the basic body by releasable fastenings, F (indicated in dashed line in FIG. 2), e.g., by a touch-and-close or zip fastener or is buttoned to it (press-stud) or by a strap (or leather strap) with an overhang and eyelet, for exchanging or for cleaning or washing purposes. The horse's head has a mane and ears designed as grips, and the horse's rear part has a tail. The horse's rear part has a tail made from the material covering. The tail and the mane of the horse's head consist of real, artificial or stylized hairs. The mane of the horse's head is designed as a pattern imprinted into the material covering. The basic body, which consists of a foam, has, for stabilization purposes, a core that consists of foams of expandable polystyrene.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--In an advantageous refinement of the invention the basic body has a core, C (indicated in dashed line in FIG. 2). The material of this core is harder than the material of the basic body which surrounds the core. The core material is preferably particle foams made of expandable polystyrene (for example styropor). The core brings about an additional increase in the stability without substantially increasing the weight of the rocking toy.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--A non-slip backing 2a is provided on the rocking surface. The tail 6 and mane 7 of the horse are manufactured from artificial hairs. In a further embodiment (not shown), the tail 6 and mane 7 are manufactured from stylized hairs (for example, from cord). The horse's head 4 also has two laterally fitted eyes, either as depressions in the basic body (as shown in FIGS. 1 and 2) or in the form of two eyes sewn on at the sides or set in (not shown). A bridle 12 is placed around the horse's head 4. If appropriate, the seat region 3 can be covered by a saddle, S (indicated in dashed line in FIG. 1). The horse's head is also provided with ears 11 which are used as grips.--